

Program X00

DOT - Washington State Ferries**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2009-11 Expenditure Authority	1,647.4	427,523	427,523
Total Maintenance Level	1,679.1	443,418	443,418
Difference	31.7	15,895	15,895
Percent Change from Current Biennium	1.9%	3.7%	3.7%
Performance Changes			
Fuel Rate Adjustment		33,187	33,187
Passenger Vessel Disability Access	3.7	706	706
Reduced Service and Capacity - Tier 2		(4,012)	(4,012)
Labor Savings		(9,700)	(9,700)
Reduce Terminal Costs		(500)	(500)
Stormwater Permit Compliance		152	152
Reduced Service and Capacity - Tier 1	(47.6)	(16,028)	(16,028)
Reduced Ferries Administration	(5.3)	(1,325)	(1,325)
Reduced Ferries Maintenance, Training, and Overtime	(5.5)	(1,126)	(1,126)
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #		(4,132)	(4,132)
Subtotal	(54.7)	(2,778)	(2,778)
Total Proposed Budget	1,624.4	440,640	440,640
Difference	(23.0)	13,117	13,117
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(1.4)%	3.1%	3.1%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity			
Ferry Operations - Vessels	1,061.7	315,211	315,211
Ferry Operations - Terminals	351.6	61,619	61,619
Ferry Maintenance - Vessels	140.7	43,564	43,564
Ferry Maintenance - Terminals	70.5	20,246	20,246
Total Proposed Budget	1,624.4	440,640	440,640

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS**Fuel Rate Adjustment**

Funding is provided to reflect the November 2010 baseline fuel forecast for gasoline, diesel, and biodiesel fuel.
(Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

Passenger Vessel Disability Access

Funding is provided to comply with new federal regulations concerning ferry vessel and ferry terminal access for passengers with disabilities that take effect on January 3, 2011. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

TRANSPORTATION

Reduced Service and Capacity - Tier 2

In order to achieve savings, additional service and capacity are reduced through fewer service hours and changing of vessels on routes above the assumed Tier 1 reductions. These reductions result in savings for vessel crews, terminal staff, and fuel, which are offset by decreased revenue. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

Labor Savings

Labor savings are expected to be achieved through renegotiated contracts. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

Reduce Terminal Costs

Funding reductions are assumed in terminal costs to reflect shorter hours of operation and a reduced need for terminal staff due to Tier 1 and Tier 2 service reductions. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

Stormwater Permit Compliance

Funding is provided to continue implementation of the Department's statewide stormwater management responsibilities to meet the requirements of the stormwater permit issued by the Department of Ecology in February 2009. The 2009 permit expands coverage to more than 100 urban areas across the state, increasing the number of regulated state highway centerline miles by 40 percent from 1,140 to 1,600. The new permit establishes 51 specific performance indicators and 396 specific compliance actions. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

Reduced Service and Capacity - Tier 1

In order to achieve savings, funding for service and capacity are reduced through fewer service hours, smaller vessels on routes, and the removal of ferries from service. These reductions result in savings for vessel crews, terminal staff, and fuel, which are offset by decreased revenue of \$2.1 million. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

Reduced Ferries Administration

Funding is reduced in administration by reducing personnel and marketing activities, eliminating vacant funded positions, discontinuing eelgrass monitoring at the Clinton ferry terminal that is no longer federally required, and relocating a training facility. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

Reduced Ferries Maintenance, Training, and Overtime

Funding is reduced to reflect savings from reduced training, overtime, and other savings at the Eagle Harbor maintenance facility. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account -State)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Ferry Operations - Vessels

This activity directly supports the legislatively-approved service schedule and service hours for the ferry system. It includes labor, fuel, and materials for deck and engine operations of the fleet.

Ferry Operations - Terminals

This activity directly supports the legislatively-approved service schedule and service hours for the ferry system. It includes labor and materials for terminal operations, revenue collection costs, and traffic control costs.

Ferry Maintenance - Vessels

This activity includes labor, materials, repair contracts, and miscellaneous costs associated with vessel maintenance. It also includes the labor costs for engine room crews when vessels are in maintenance or lay-up status. Vessel maintenance is accomplished by Washington State Ferries at its dedicated maintenance facility at Eagle Harbor. Larger vessel maintenance contracts and drydockings are performed at commercial shipyards around Puget Sound.

Ferry Maintenance - Terminals

This activity includes labor, materials, repair contracts, and miscellaneous costs associated with terminal maintenance. Terminal maintenance includes routine asset maintenance and inspection performed by Eagle Harbor staff, and contracted maintenance for major maintenance needs.